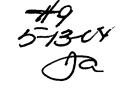


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Response Under 37 CFR §1.116 Expedited Procedure - Group 2624

## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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MAKOTO KIKUGAWA		)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 2624
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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated November 26, 2003 for two months, from February 26, 2003 to April 26, 2004.

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Date of Signature

Submitted herewith is a check for \$420.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,

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Respectfully submitted,

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